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1. On 7 April 1953, when KVP units were entrained in Rostock, trucks shuttling between the Fuesilier Kaserne and the freight station included:

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2. The detraining at the Rostock freight station of KVP units which had allegedly come from Saxony was completed at 2 p.m. on 10 April. The detrained units which had an estimated strength of 2,500 men moved to the Fuesilier Kaserne, which had been vacated by the KVP unit previously stationed there. About 80 percent of the new KVP personnel wore crimson, 10 percent dark blue, and the remainder red-bordered black epaulettes. At the detraining of the new unit, source saw 10 model 42 76-mm field guns and 8 model 43 57-mm AT guns. ²

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3. During the night of 10 to 11 April, source saw a convoy of 31 trucks each towing an AT gun proceeding on the Rostock-Kritz road toward the VP barracks installation about 3 km from Rostock. The AT gun had an estimated caliber of 76 mm. ²

4. When the KVP mechanized regiment moved from the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock to the Spechtsterg-Gumnitz area source observed that weapons such as machine guns, mortars, and AT guns moved by road while the tanks were shipped by rail to Spechtsterg. Source counted a total of 34 tanks. After 13 April, officers and NCOs from Kochstedt near Dessau arrived. Source learned from several officers that they represented training personnel for a new division which was to be brought to full strength among others by tank replacements from the KVPD in Burg near Magdeburg. According to a lieutenant colonel, the activated division was to move to Prora on Rügen Island. On 13 April, source saw only light infantry weapons, 3 x 76.2-mm AT guns and some AT guns of a smaller caliber.

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at the Fusilier Kaserne. The soldiers observed there wore red collar patches.²

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1. Comment. The entraining operation reported involved the mechanized KVP unit in Rostock which was incorporated into the Eggesin mechanized division as its 3d Mecz Regt.

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2. Comment. It is believed that the entire cadre unit previously stationed at Dessau-Kochstedt and elements of the cadre unit from Burg moved to Rostock. The transfer may have involved the whole cadre unit from Burg. It is possible that new divisions are to be activated by the merger of several cadre units.

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